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OCTOBER, 2008

HARC OFFICERS

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SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL
TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

Next Meeting: Wednesday
OCT. 08, 2008 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2008 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2008 Exam Dates**

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 8:30 p.m.

They will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2008 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **MINUTES**



By Fred Miller, KBØWIL

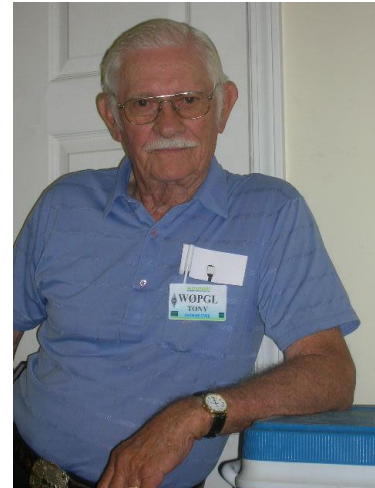
Date: September 10th, 2008

Location: Beth Haven Nursing Home,
 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal Mo.63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Approval of minutes in last newsletter:
 Motion to approve: Ryan-WØRLR
 Seconded by: Larry-WA6JMR

TREASURERS REPORT: TONY-WØPGL



Cash-\$720.21 CD-\$1,244.99 Total-\$1,965.20

Motion to approve: J.D.-WØAJD

Seconded by: Mel-KCØHYY

REPEATER REPORT:

Tony-WØPGL & Fred-KBØWIL

We still have the occasional cracking noise, when we have windy conditions. So, we still need to plan on having a tower climber check out the antenna in the near future. We voted to let the repeater committee, decide on the tower climber. Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA Seconded by: Larry-WB2UFO. We are also experiencing one or more repeaters, that are coming in on 625 when the band conditions are open, and breaking the squelch. We voted tonight to Tone the 146.625 machine, w/ a tone of 103.5.

Motion to approve: Cliff, KØCA
Seconded by: Mel-KCØHYY.

Fred-KBØWIL will take care of this operation on Thursday September 11th, 2008. STAT! We discussed a new radio-repeater/controller as well, if we do go that route. Howie-KØDFW brought in information regarding a Kenwood Repeater system, from A&W communications in Eolia. The 146.880 machine is still doing great, no problems.

**KØS Special Event Station:
August 21st- August 24th, 2008**

We operated on the WW2 LST 325 Memorial Ship that was docked here in Hannibal. Thank you to all operators, who came and operated from the 21st-24th. We had a total of 495 QSO's which was a very good report, considering conditions. We worked a total of 45 states and even a few overseas. We should all thank J.D. for getting this event set up, I know it took him a lot of time, e-mails and phone calls to get everything in order. Thank you very much J.D. from all the members of the HARC, you did a tremendous job.

DECEMBER MEETING: DEC. 10TH, 2008

We decided to have a small carry in of snacks, as we have done for the past couple of years. Chips, cookies, sandwiches, etc. Whatever you wish to bring.

HARC Supper on Saturday February 7th, 2009:

We decided to have our annual supper/get-together again on February 7th, 2009. We will have it at the Golden Corral, Time 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL is in

charge of reserving a room for us. Everyone is responsible for payment of their meal.

NOTE: We will not have a regular scheduled meeting in February, due to our supper/get-together.

HARC Barbeque August 2009:

We voted tonight to have our annual club barbeque on Saturday August 1st, 2009. It will be at Huckleberry Park Pavilion.

Motion to approve: Ann-KB9BAL
Seconded by: Larry-WA6JMR.

Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations for the pavilion.

Note: The Quincy hamfest is on Saturday, August 8th, 2009, so this won't conflict with that date.

NEW MEMBER: We voted in Kermit Craig-KØZXQ as a HARC member tonight. Thanks Kermit for joining our club.

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA
Seconded by: Howie-KØDFW

DONATION:

Jerry Morris-K7TTF donated the following items to our club. Astron 35 Amp Power Supply, Cushcraft Vertical Antenna 10-40 meters, & an SG-211 Auto tuner. Thank you Jerry very much, for the great donations to our club, we appreciate it.

50/50 Won by:

J.D-WØAJD won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club. Thanks J.D., the club appreciates it. We also gave away two hats tonight. The winners are Ryan-WØRLR and MEL-KCØHYY. Thanks also to Howie-KØDFW and Larry-WB2UFO for bringing the hats to give away.

PROGRAM TONIGHT:

Larry-WB2UFO gave a short DVD presentation that he made regarding the USS WW2 LST-325 Ship. Thanks Larry, it was a very neat program.

VE TESTING: Our next test session is (Wed) October 8th, 2008. Approximately 8:30 PM, right

after the club meeting. Contact Fred-KBØWIL if you wish to take an exam. We already have applicants signed up to take the exams.

Number of members present: 19

Number of guests: 3

Total in attendance: 22

Motion to adjourn: J.D.-WØAJD

Seconded by: Howie-KØDFW



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
OCTOBER 2008
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**

Well, summer is about over, and I see the trees are just starting to turn, and winter isn't far away, and that means that I am running 90 miles per hour getting ready, because that means deer season isn't far away. That means that I am doubly busy with trying to winterize everything that I own, and get ready for the busiest time of the year for me. I haven't been on the radio much, maybe 2 meters chewing the rag with the locals, but as for HF it is pretty quiet. Unless, you have been working the Route 66 contest that they have each fall. Some of the guys out of the club have been busy with chasing the the N6 stations across the U.S. I have been hearing a lot of skip coming in on the VHF bands in the morning and evening hours, which could prove to be fun if you work the upper frequencies. You would be surprised how far you could work on vhf openings!! Try it some time!!

We have been having some problems with the repeaters in this last period, and Fred, Tony, and Jack have been busy "fixing" them. I think the old GE radio that we have on the .625 repeater probably has seen its better days and maybe we should start thinking about replacing it. I have found a good deal for the club with a

new 50 watt Kenwood repeater at cost. It wouldn't put the club out much to obtain it. Three of the hams in the club has offered to throw some money in the "Kitty" to help spread the cost around, and if we passed the hat I think we could probably obtain it without hurting the club's treasury. But, first things first. We need to have a climber climb the KICK tower and work on our antenna that is on the .625 machine, and see what our problem is with that antenna installation. When the wind picks up about 15 mph or more the repeater starts a popping noise meaning something is loose or we have a dirty contact up there somewhere. The club voted to hire a climber, and we need to get permission from KICK to climb the tower. So this should be happening sometime soon before it gets cold. I would like to see the HARC get the .625 up to state of art condition since it is our main repeater, and it is used for weather nets and other emergencies, and that can only be done with a state of art repeater and getting the antenna brought up to date.

I have heard that the LST -325 made its trip back thru Hannibal the other day and the crew reported that they had 40,000 people tour the boat. That is really great! They are trying to raise money so that they can put it in dry-dock to do inspections and repairs to bring it up to Coast Guard specs, and I heard that would run over a million dollars. So this ought to be a shot in the arm to help them with expenses!!! I am a World War II buff and really appreciate what these guys are doing for future generations so that they won't forget what sacrifices were made by this generation in the name of LIBERTY! I hear there is an organization of private pilots that are flying WWII vets to Washington D.C. To see the WWII memorial and this is costing the vets nothing. The high price of fuel is curtailing their trips though. This is an outstanding operation and I salute them for doing it. I only wish that my uncles, that have passed away, could have seen what was constructed in their memory! They served in the "thick of it" in Europe and in the Pacific. They would have been proud! May God rest their souls! If you ever get to Branson, Mo., look up the Veterans Museum. You can't miss it. It has a P-51 fighter plane on a tripod in the air in front of it. This is an outstanding museum for all vets of all wars that we have fought. I spent about 3 hours looking in it and it was really interesting.

Our next meeting will be October 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Beth Haven Nursing Home and I expect to see a lot of you there.

73s Howard, K0DFW

Around the World



DX & Computer Horizons October 2008 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

The K0S special event station aboard the WWII LST-325 ship docked at Hannibal was a huge success. A big thank you goes to J.D. Sinclair W0AJD, who made the arrangements with the LST-325 team and lined up a large team of volunteers to operate the stations. J.D. spent many hours organizing this event. Kudos also to everyone who operated during the four days K0S was on the air. The Hannibal club has received many compliments on the beautiful color certificate designed by Shelly and Larry Shannon WA6JMR. QSL via W0KEM. Send \$3 for the certificate. Approximately 12,000 people toured the LST ship while it was in Hannibal. See Bonnie WB0WAP's Hannibal club newsletter for pictures of the special event station, at www.w0kem.org.

Now here's highlights of some major DX operations planned for October.

T30 Western Kiribati and T31 Central Kiribati. Look for Toshi JA8BMK on the air from T30 Western Kiribati beginning around October 2, while awaiting a ship to T31 Central Kiribati. Once Toshi arrives on T31, he may be on the air for up to 2 to 3

months. He may also operate from C21 and T33. QSL via JA8UWT.

H40 Temotu. Mike KM9D and Jan KF4TUG are on the air from Temotu signing H40MY. They have been reported on 20 meter CW around 14.042. QSL via OM2SA.

VP8 South Georgia. Lars DL9LB/MM0DWF plans to activate South Georgia, signing VP8DIF. He will operate 100 watts, battery powered, and his operation will be dependent upon his work schedule. For more information, see his web site: www.lars-boehme.de/vp8dif/. QSL via DJ9ZB, direct or via the bureau.

Check out the various DX bulletins for other announced operations in October and later this year.

My tip of the month is about an exciting new ARRL Worked All States award called the Triple Play Award. This new award is set to be implemented by January 2009, and will be given to those amateurs who achieve Worked All States (WAS) on voice, CW and digital modes. All 150 QSLs must be exclusively via Logbook of The World (LoTW). Only those contacts made after the award's start date will be eligible. So if you haven't started using LoTW, now is a good time to do so, and get ready for the start of the Triple Play Award coming soon.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST, OCT 2008

6	K0DFW	HOWARD
13	KB9VIS	BRIAN
20	KB0WIL	FRED
27	W0AJD	JD

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

FOR SALE:

Pyramid Power Supply-Regulated
Gold Series –
Model PS-21K W/ Amp Meter
13.8 VDC @ 20 Amp \$50.00
Contact Bill-N9UPG Tel # 217-222-1661

Keep up the good work.

73 and good DX,
John Gerstner - K4LRP

73's WØAJD, J.D. Sinclair, V.P.

LST SPECIAL EVENT KØS - THANKS!

LST 325 left the area with great success. Now, I say the fun is over, and the memories begin. And what memories! All of the operators who worked KØS had great fun. I want to thank ALL who participated in any way to set up, and to operate for this special event. About 500 contacts were made, and that is not too bad, considering poor band conditions. The ladies, Ann KB9BAL, and Helen NØJZV really showed the guys up. I am willing to bet that they made more contacts than the rest of us in all four days. Thanks to our young Ham operators, Amber Clevenger and Kyle Martin. They are what we need to keep Amateur radio alive. We have already received a lot of requests for the certificates. Special thanks to Larry WA6JMR and Shelly for creating, and printing the certificates for this special event.

The crew on the ship was a real help. Perry Ballinger, W8AU, chief radio operator, was one swell person, and thanks to him all went smoothly. He told me that we were the only club that has ever operated on board the LST. During the five days the LST was here, they had over 12,000 visitors. Single day attendance records were set Saturday and Sunday in Hannibal, breaking the old mark established in Boston six years ago. Quite an accomplishment I would say.

Following is an email we received from a contact that was made on the WWII LST-325 Special Event.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for the great looking certificate and QSL card for the WWII LST-325 Special Event. It is one of the best certificates that I have received so far.



GOOD BYE LST 325 – UNTIL NEXT TIME!

**The LST 325 Ship Special Event
was a success!!**

A lot of hard work went into the preparation of the KØS – LST 325 Special Event. Unless you have done it before, you can't imagine the many hours that are put into preparation of the setting up of an event such as this. JD spent many hours on the phone, in the car, and emailing of operators, and of the ship's personnel. He went to several printing facilities to try and get cheaper bids for the certificates, but most all was more than the club or JD wanted to pay. One day he got a call from WA6JMR, Larry Shannon, and he and Shelly offered to design, and print the certificates for free! JD latched right on that offer, and Shelly, Larry's wife, has done a fantastic job on our beautiful certificate. Thanks, Larry and Shelly for your donation of time, talent, and expense. You have done a great job! JD has had a lot of fun doing this, and is so thankful for all of the operators (26 in all, and some worked more than one shift and day), and their cooperation in working the bands, which gave all probably a "once in a lifetime" chance of working from a World War II ship. I know that it is my first time on a war ship, and right here in our

own little town. Can't you just imagine the 'ghosts' of the LST 325, and their appreciation of all of the people that walk on the ship, and think of their great sacrifice for us and our country!

Thanks for all of the donations to the event, because I think the outcome will be no expense to the club at all. The request for \$3 for a certificate will pay the postage for mailing all certificates and QSL cards, as most other costs were donated. The remaining balance will be donated, from the HARC club, to the LST 325 for the needed upkeep and operation of the old Landing Ship Tank. All hands on board are unpaid volunteers. They had quite a friendly crew.

Donations:

LST 325 Ship - Allowed free entry any time to the ship, and gave us full control of the radio room

Larry & Shelly Shannon, many hours of creating and printing certificates (supplied all print cartridges). Great certificate! Thanks Larry & Shelly

Cliff Ahrens organized the logs, printed address labels, designed, and had printed 200 QSL cards, and had the guys, JD, Fred, Tony and himself, gather at his house to sort and mail out certificates & QSL cards. Terrific QSL card, Cliff. Thanks!

Kenny Barnes Donated the neat queue cards used at the radio room site.

J.D. & Bonnie Sinclair spent many hours organizing on the phone, in the car, legwork, computer, stress and worry, and supplied photo paper & envelopes for certificates.

Operators that donated their much needed time and experience to this event!

K0CA	CLIFF AHRENS
N0JA	J. O. ALLEN
WB0NWU	BILL BAGBY
K0DFW	HOWARD BARNES
K0TCQ	KENNY BARNES
KB0ECF	ORAL BARNES
KE0K	CHARLES BOYD
AB9QW	TODD CLEVINGER
KC9NYN	AMBER CLEVINGER
K0ZXQ	KERMIT CRAIG
WD9CHG	JACK ELMORE

N9JF	JIM FUNK
N0JZV	HELEN GILLILAND
W0PGL	TONY GILLILAND
K4VX	LEW GORDON
N0TP	GARY KIBLER
KB9BAL	ANN LAUER
WB2UFO	LARRY LAUER
KD0EBL	KYLE MARTIN
KB0WIL	FRED MILLER
N9UPG	BILL MORRISON
NG9R	DANNY PEASE
W0RLR	RYAN ROBERTS
W9WE	DAVID SCRANTON
W0AJD	J. D. SINCLAIR
N9DT	DARELL TAYLOR

Please forgive me if I have left anyone out. Let me know, and I will give you special attention in next months newsletter { :>}

73'S, WBØWAP, BONNIE

THERE WAS A LOT OF PICTURES IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER, BUT HERE ARE SOME MORE THAT I RECEIVED AND WANTED TO SHARE ALSO. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT ME E MAILS OF THE PICTURES YOU TOOK.

Bonnie, WBØWAP



David, W9WE – Gary, NØTP – Kyle, KDØEBL



Charles, KEØK – Darell, N9DT – Jack, WD9CHG



Yeah Helen! NØJZV



Tony, WØPGL

**Following are more shots of the LST 325
Landing Ship Tank while docked at the
riverfront of Hannibal, MO**



View of LST 325 from the other side of the river, with Hannibal in the back



View from LST 325 with Hannibal, MO in the background



LONG LINES!!!!!!!







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